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Control Information

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Letter Date: Jan 26, 2017 **Received Date:** Feb 1, 2017
Addressee: AD-Administrator **Addressee Org:** EPA
Contact Type: LTR (Letter) **Priority Code:** Normal
Signature: AA-OCSPP-Assistant **Signature Date:** N/A
Administrator - OCSPP
File Code: 404-141-02-01_141_a(2) Copy of Controlled and Major Correspondence Record of the EPA Administrator and other senior officials - Electronic.
Subject: TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT (TSCA) AND 1.4 DIOXANE
Instructions: CLO - The closing line of all letters should state the following: "Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact (OCIR staff person) in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at (insert OCIR email) or (OCIR contact's phone number)
Instruction Note: PLEASE PREPARE A RESPONSE FOR EACH SIGNER (2)
General Notes: N/A
CC: OW - Office of Water -- Immediate Office
R2 - Region 2 -- Immediate Office
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Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

Lead Assignments:

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| Cassaundra Eades | OCIR | OCSPP | Feb 1, 2017 | Feb 15, 2017 | N/A |
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| Marilyn Malloy | OCSPP | OCSPP-OPPT | Feb 1, 2017 | Feb 15, 2017 | N/A |
| Instruction: AA-OCSPP-Prepare draft response for signature by the Assistant Administrator for OCSPP | | | | | |

Supporting Information

Supporting Author: N/A

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History

| Action By | Office | Action | Date |
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| Cassaundra Eades | OCIR | Assign OCSPP as lead office | Feb 1, 2017 |
| Marilyn Malloy | OCSPP | Accepted the group assignment | Feb 1, 2017 |
| Marilyn Malloy | OCSPP | Assign OCSPP-OPPT as lead office | Feb 1, 2017 |

Comments

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 26, 2017

Acting Administrator Catherine McCabe
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Acting Administrator McCabe:

Following the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 5-year review of unregulated contaminants in drinking water supplies on Long Island, which revealed a prevalence of 1,4-dioxane that far exceed the national average in drinking water supplies, we write to urge the EPA to accelerate the risk assessment for the chemical under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and, if warranted, to take rapid steps to establish a national standard or Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL).

As you know, exposure to 1,4-dioxane, which EPA classifies as likely to be carcinogenic by all routes of exposure, can potentially cause long-term adverse health effects, including liver and kidney damage, as well as short-term side effects, including drowsiness and irritation of the eyes and nose. It is troubling that currently no national standard exists regulating levels of 1,4-dioxane, a potentially carcinogenic substance. State officials and water districts are struggling to coordinate the best course of action and are in need of more data, analysis and direction from the EPA. Concerned residents and municipalities have reached out for guidance on how to mitigate the effects of this spreading contaminant. Among other affected communities, a Hicksville well showed 1,4-dioxane occurring at 33 parts per billion, a level higher than almost any other part of the country. With the EPA's technical expertise with contaminants, we request that you immediately provide technical support to help impacted water districts investigate the full scope of the problem and assist with any necessary remediation as quickly as possible.

Again, we urge you to act quickly to complete the TSCA risk assessment for 1,4-dioxane and provide assistance to Long Island communities in addressing this contaminant.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator